Tenure of Chief Executive of Defence Organisations

†1797. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum term of office fixed for the Head (GM and Senior GM) of Security Institutions and Board of Ordnance Factories;

(b) whether the GM is not being affected by the short term of office; and

(c) if so, whether any scheme has been formulated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The tenure of Chief Executives of Defence Public Sector Undertakings is 5 years or till the date of superannuation, whichever is earlier. The minimum period for the post of Chairman and Director General Ordnance Factory Board is three months. For General Managers and Senior General Managers, there is no fixed tenure though efforts are made to post such officers to Factory as General Manager/Sr. General Manager who have at least one year of service prior to superannuation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Setting up of Russian units in India to manufacture spares for Defence

1798. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been arrived at between Russia and India for setting up of Russian units in India to manufacture spares for Defence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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